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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Applicant : M. W. Beach, et al.
Serial No. : 09/244,304 Group : 2164
Filed : 3 Feb 1999 Examiner : Nga B. Nguyen
Entitled : Preprocessor System and Method for Rejection of Duplicate Invoices

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

To THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 9 Aug 2000 pursuant to the Advisory Action mailed 5 Dec 2000 in the above-identified application. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the period for response expires two months from the mailing date of the final rejection, which was mailed 9 Aug 2000. In a telephone interview with Examiner Nguyen on 7 Dec 2000, applicants' attorney clarified that this was in error, and that the period for response expires on the mailing date of the Advisory Action.

The requested extension is as follows (blacken time period desired):

☒ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

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